Kennedy Murdered By Assassin in Texas

Dallas, Nov. 22 (AP)—President Kennedy and Gov. John Connally of Texas were shot from ambush today.

President Kennedy died at 1 p.m. (CST).

Kennedy apparently was shot in the head. He fell face down in the back seat of his car. Blood was on his head. Mrs Kennedy cried, "Oh, no!" and tried to hold his head.

The shooting took place about 1:40 p.m., New York time, as the President's limousine came out of an underpass in the highway on the way to the Dallas Freeway. The shots apparently came from a grassy knoll in the area, for motorcycle police immediately raced there. There was no word what has happened to the assassin.

Connally, remained half seated, slumped to the left. There was blood on his face and forehead.

The President and the Governor were rushed to Parkland Hospital near the Dallas Trade Mart, where Kennedy was to have made a speech.

Dallas police said the President was apparently shot by a gunman with a .30 caliber rifle.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover telephoned the Dallas FBI office and ordered an all-out investigation of the attempt on the lives of the President and Connally.

Police have a description of the suspect, which they would not reveal. They rushed every available officer to seal off the area near the County courthouse. More than 300 policemen were involved in the manhunt.

The President was reportedly hit three times, twice in the upper chest.

It was reported that sheriff's deputies had picked up a young man and were questioning him behind closed doors. No further information was available.

Police believed he had fired on the Presidential party with a .30-.30 rifle.

AP Photographer James W. Altgens said he saw blood on the President's head.

Altgens said he heard two shots but thought someone was shooting fireworks until he saw the blood on the President.

Altgens said he saw no one with a gun.

There was an unconfirmed report that Vice President Lyndon Johnson had been wounded slightly. One spectator said he saw Johnson walk into the hospital holding his arm.

Two Roman Catholic priests were summoned to the emergency room where the 46-year-old President lay.

The President was given the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

Pandemonium broke loose around the scene.

The secret service waved the motorcade on at top speed to the hospital.

Even at high speed, it took nearly five minutes to get the car to the ambulance entrance of the hospital.

Reporters saw Kennedy lying flat on his face near his car.

Three shots rang out as Kennedy and Connolly drove from Dallas Airport, open car. President's head bloodied. He slumped into Mrs. Kennedy's arms. She cradled him, crying, "Oh No."

Bell said a man and a woman were scrambling on the upper level of a walkway overlooking the underpass.

The President's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, have been notified of the shooting. Joseph Kennedy is recovering from a stroke suffered over a year ago.

3 Presidents Were Killed; 3 Others Have Escaped

Three Presidents of the U. S. have been assassinated while in office, and three others have survived assassination attempts.

Shot to death while in office were Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield and William McKinley.

Surviving attempts on their lives were Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman.

Lincoln was the first Chief Executive to fall before an assassin's bullets. He was fatally wounded by actor John Wilkes Booth as he watched a performance at Ford's Theater in Washington on April 14, 1865.

All Assasins Killed

Booth was tracked down by federal troops and slain.

Garfield was also fatally wounded in Washington, by a disappointed job-seeker, on July 2, 1881. He lingered until Sept. 19 before succumbing to his wounds. Charles J. Guiteau, his assasin, was hanged.

William McKinley was in Buffalo on Sept. 6, 1901 when Leon Czolgosz, a demented workman, shot him to death.

Theodore Roosevelt was also sho by a maniac, in Milwaukee, on Oc. 14, 1912, but his wound was so slight that he was able to make a scheduled speech before going to a hospital for treatment. His assailant, John Schrank, was sent to an insane asylum.

Killed Chicago Mayor

Franklin D. Roosevelt was actually President-elect when he became the target of an intended assassin's bullet at Miami Beach on Feb. 15, 1933. The bullent, aimed by Guiseppi Zangara, an anarchist, instead struck Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago, who was standing on the platform with Roosevelt.

A woman struck Zangara's arm as he raised his gun to fire, but the bullet was fatal to Cermak. Zangara was executed. Roosevelt was heavily guarded during his more than 12 years in office, and no other attempt on his life was reported.

The attempt on the life of Harry Truman, the last on a President, came on Nov. 1, 1950 when two Puerto Rican nationalists, guns blazing, stormed into Blair House, the temporay home of President and Mrs. Truman while extensive repairs were being made on the White House.

Griselio Torresola, one of the intended assassins, was shot and killed on the spot. The second man, Oscar Collazo, 38, was captured and sentenced to die in the electric chair.

President Truman, ignoring widespread protests, commuted Collazo's sentence to life imprisonment, a term he is still serving.